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SUBJ: RELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENTS OF
FOREIGN TOURISTS VISITING DARJEELING AND TREKKING TO
SANDAKPHU-PHALUT

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A CIRCULAR LETTER DATED SEPT. 2, 1974,
FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL, HOME DEPARTMENT (POLITICAL)
REGARDING THE RELAXATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR
DARJEELING TOWN.

2. QUOTE: I AM DIRECTED TO INFORM YOU THAT GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HAVE SINCE DECIDED TO ALLOW THE FOREIGN TOURISTS TO VISIT THE
TOWN OF DARJEELING ONLY WITHOUT RESTRICTED AREAS PERMIT FOR
A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 15 DAYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TOURISM
PROVIDED THEY TRAVEL TO UPBRFROM BAGDOGRA BY AIR.
ANY FOREIGN TOURIST VISITING DARJEELING TOWN FOR ANY
PURPOSE OTHER THAN TOURISM OR FOR A STAY OF MORE THAN 15
DAYS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A RESTRICTED AREAS PERMIT
FROM THE GOVERNMENT AS BEFORE.

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"IT HAS ALSO BEEN DECIDED THAT FOREIGNERS IN SMALL GROUPS

MAY BE GRANTED PERMITS FOR TREKKING IN THE SANDAKPHU PHALUT
AREA FOR A PERIOD UP TO SEVEN DAYS SUBJECT TO THE
FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1 VISITS WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY IN SMALL GROUPS OF 10-15
PERSONS AT A TIME;

2. A LIAISON OFFICER WILL BE ATTACHED TO EACH GROUP
AT THE COST OF THE VISITING PARTY;

3. THE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY SHOULD REPORT TO THE POLICE
POSTS AT SANDAKPHY AND PHALUT;

4. FUPOUPARTICULARS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP SHOULD BE
FURNISHED AT LEAST SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS AHEAD OF THE
PROPOSED VISIT TO THIS GOVERNMENT OR TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS , NEW DELHI DIRECT.
SIGNED P. BHATTACHARYA
UNDER SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF WEST BENGAL. UNQUOTE.
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